

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4741–S4812

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1395–1405, and S. Res. 234–236. **Page S4802**

Measures Reported:

S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4802**

Measures Passed:

Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: Senate passed S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4779–81**

Reid (for Coburn) Amendment No. 579, to create a new 2-year term of service for the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Pages S4780–81**

Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1383, to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4809–10**

Whitehouse (for Murray) Amendment No. 580, to improve the bill. **Page S4810**

International Year of Cooperatives: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 87, designating the year of 2012 as the "International Year of Cooperatives", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4810**

Honoring William F. Hildenbrand: Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, relative to the death of William F. Hildenbrand, former Secretary of the Senate. **Pages S4810–11**

Year of the Family Caregiver: Senate agreed to S. Res. 235, designating 2011 as "The Year of the Family Caregiver". **Page S4811**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 236, designating September 2011 as National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month. **Page S4811**

Measures Considered:

Cut, Cap, and Balance Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2560, to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget. **Pages S4743–79, S4781–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, July 22, 2011, with the time until 10 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that at 10 a.m., the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S4812**

Mueller Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if Robert S. Mueller III, is nominated to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the nomination be placed directly on the Executive Calendar; that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, the Senate proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination; that there be two hours for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Pages S4779–80**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Roslyn Ann Mazer, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2011. **Page S4812**

Measures Read the First Time:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late William F. Hildenbrand, Former Secretary of the Senate, in accordance with S. Res. 234, at 8:13 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, July 22, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4812.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reid, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Raymond T. Odierno, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, and General William M. Fraser III, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WALL STREET REFORM ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhanced

oversight after the financial crisis, focusing on the "Wall Street Reform Act" at one year, after receiving testimony from Representative Frank; Neal S. Wolin, Deputy Secretary, and John Walsh, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Martin J. Gruenberg, Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine making our roads safer, focusing on reauthorization of the Motor Carrier Safety Programs, after receiving testimony from Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Christopher A. Hart, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Daniel England, C.R. England, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of American Trucking Associations (ATA); Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, Washington, D.C.; and Joe Rajkovic, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Grain Valley, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 512, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, with amendments;

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignment for the 112th Congress:

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Landrieu, Sanders, Stabenow, Franken, Manchin, Coons, Paul, Barrasso, Coats, Portman, Heller, and Corker.

Senators Bingaman and Murkowski are ex officio members of the subcommittee.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative